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**Baltimore Rising  
Operation Safe Kids**

**Memorandum of Understanding**

Since 1999, 441 young people under the age of 18 have been shot and 78 youth have been killed in Baltimore City. While the number of juvenile shooting victims per year appears to be steadily decreasing, (down 42.5% compared with this time last year), the number of juvenile homicide victims has increased 75% since 1999. This alarming increase in violent death continues to disproportionately affect young African-American males living in some of the most economically disadvantaged neighborhoods in the City.

Saving young lives requires the cooperation of all local and State agencies, as well as the help of schools, churches, parents and neighbors. The Baltimore Police Department (BPD), Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore City Public Schools, the Maryland State Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), Maryland State Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City (SAO) hereby agree to take the following steps to intensify community monitoring of juvenile offenders in target areas with high rates of juvenile violence:

- The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), Baltimore Police Department, and the Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City will identify appropriate target neighborhoods and appropriate youth to enroll in Baltimore Rising and will enforce terms of supervision.
- The Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) will commit a minimum of 10 agents to work with the Baltimore Police Department, the Baltimore City Health Department and Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City to ensure that terms of supervision for each youth are met and graduated sanctions are applied. Youth will include those in intensive aftercare, those on probation in identified geographic areas, and those identified by the Baltimore Rising: Operation Safe Kids work group.
- DJJ will coordinate with Baltimore Police to support targeted night patrols that will check in at least several nights a week with each youth enrolled in the Baltimore Rising and youth living in the target areas under electronic monitoring.
- DJJ and the BPD will partner to seek out and apprehend youth who have violated the terms of their electronic monitoring through a joint apprehension unit.

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- DJJ, the Office of the State's Attorney, Parole and Probation and the Baltimore Police Department will commit one high level staff person to attend weekly Stat meetings at the Baltimore City Health Department.
- The Office of the State's Attorney will recommend terms of supervision that specify strict curfews and, where appropriate, participation in Baltimore Rising and will assist enforcement of such through court review and terms of supervision violation hearings.
- The Baltimore Police Department, through Operation Night Light, will work with DJJ, to enforce citywide curfews and support DJJ in mandating youth participation in Baltimore Rising. The Police Department will also assist in the selection of target neighborhoods and youth most suited to participate in Baltimore Rising.
- The Baltimore City Public School System will provide truancy information to Baltimore Rising about youth enrolled in the program.
- The Baltimore City Health Department will administer the monitoring component of Baltimore Rising to provide youth with daily face-to-face interaction. As such, 15 Youth Workers will be assigned to work with youth to provide case management and connect youth to relevant health, educational services, employment, and recreation activities. Additionally, Baltimore City will hire one employment counselor, one substance abuse counselor, and one mental health counselor to provide assessments, referrals, and to ensure connection with services for Baltimore Rising youth.
- Parole and Probation will assign agents, as needed, to participate in the program.
- The Baltimore Health Department will develop/coordinate/evaluate the entire effort via weekly Stat meetings that will track the progress of each youth in the program, analyze juvenile crime statistics, and develop tactics and strategies which will increase the effectiveness of this multi-agency effort.

The first priority of this program will be to make communities safer and to reduce the number of youth victims of violent crime. The collaboration of the undersigned will ensure that priorities are balanced and the approach is based on best practices from the areas of public health, social service, and criminal justice.

This agreement shall begin upon execution of the parties, and may be terminated upon thirty (30) days notice to each party.

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I understand and agree to the aforementioned policies spelled out in this document.

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